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If You Want to See a Whale
Fogliano, Julie
Illustrated by Erin E. Stead
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It's no *Moby Dick*, but Julie Fogliano's little book is a charming how-to guide for whale-finding in its own right. If you want to see a whale, you will need plenty of time to wait and wait, and plenty of patience not to be distracted by anything that isn't a whale. Fogliano's gently lyrical prose, striking for its lack of sentence breaks and capital letters, is paired with Erin E. Stead's quiet prints of a boy and his beagle, adding life to the story. Parents and teachers could use this book for any topic from patience to poetry. Perfect for bedtime. Highly recommended. Emily Hartman, Centennial Library Intern.